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ACTION AF-01

INFO	LOG-00	CIAE-00	PFIP-01	C-01	DODE-00	EUR-01	HA-09
	H-01	INRE-00	INR-01	L-03	ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00
	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-02	PRS-01	P-01	SNP-00	SP-00
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FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2439

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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TAGS: PREL, MOPS, RW

SUBJECT: NMOG REPORTS CEASEFIRE VIOLATION

1. OAU NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP COMMANDER MGEN OPALEYE STATED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH VOA THAT NMOG OFFICERS HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE DURING A VIOLATION OF THE GOR - RPF CEASEFIRE. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, OPALEYE GAVE A FEW MORE DETAILS OF THE VIOLATION.

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2. THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE OCCURRED ON DEC. 2 IN THE BYUMBA SECTOR. GOR FORCES, IN THE COMPANY OF FRENCH TROOPS, ATTEMPTED TO MOVE 500 M FORWARD FROM THEIR POSITIONS TO DIG A DEFENSIVE TRENCH. WHEN THE RPF OBSERVED THE DIGGING, THEIR TROOPS OPENED FIRE. AN NMOG PATROL IN THE AREA WAS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE. GOR FORCES LEFT BOTH THE NEW, FORWARD POSITION, AND THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION. THE RPF DID NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE FORWARD. THE GOR HAS SINCE RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS, RE-ESTABLISHING THE STATUS QUO

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ANTE. OPALYE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF  
CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE; NO NMOG OFFICERS WERE HURT.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST CEASEFIRE VIOLATION  
WHICH THE NMOG HAS BEEN IN PLACE TO WITNESS FIRST  
HAND. OPALYE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH  
THE FRENCH FORCES' ACTIVITIES AT THE FRONT, AND  
STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT THESE FORCES WERE DIRECTLY  
INVOLVED IN THE GOR'S ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE FORWARD.  
END COMMENT.

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